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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 08/29/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In re pages 7-9, applicant argues that Audet only qualifies as prior art to the extent that the cited material in Audet is disclosed in Grandparent Application 10/265,443 but Grandparent Application 10/265,443 fails to disclose "touch screen" to meet the limitation "displaying functional controls" as recited in claim 1.

In response, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Grandparent Application 10/265,443 discloses from paragraph 0115-0117 that "...display devices... E-paper, rolled screen and other display devices SMLOI can also use a gaming console or a portable data assistant....cursor control meansgraphic tables, keyboard, touch tables, trackballs, pen input mechanisms, touch screens.....pen input device which positions a cursor and, by pressing the pen's tip against the display screen, selects the item pointed to/pressed at on the display screen". Audet teach touch screen to meet the limitation "displaying functional controls" for the recorder/playback device while the portable memory device is connected to the recorder/playback device.

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